boat ramp on the southern bank. There are toilets and a picnic area. waterways south of Glenbar. Camping is available near the Wakool Stony Crossing, at Genoe Creek and Bucky Creek, and in the windy Popular spots include upstream from Kyalite along the stretch to

land-based fishing can also be very rewarding. other bait. The Wakool is very popular for boat fishing, although caught with hard-bodied and spinnerbait lures, and a variety of best river for Murray cod. Along with golden perch, the cod can be and abundant fish life, with a well-earned reputation for being the The Wakool and it's offshoots are renowned for their healthy flows

tributaries, including the Neimur River. Junction. Along the Wakool's route, it is joined by 11 smaller River near Kyalite and flowing back into the Murray River at Wakool heading generally west before merging again with the Edward The Wakool River flows from the Edward River near Deniliquin,

## Wakool River

launch at Edward River Bridge picnic area. You can enjoy kayaking or canoeing using a wheelchair-accessible near Mathoura Murray Valley Regional Park, not far from Mathoura. Dogs are welcome at the free Edward River Bridge campground

the scenic stretch all the way to the Wakool River. Moulamein where the Edward River meets the Billabong Creek, and in spots including Willoughbys Beach just outside Deniliquin, at popular spots right along its length. Riverbank fishing is popular Fishing is a very popular activity on the Edward River, with many

golden perch (yellowbelly), redfin, and the protected silver perch the prize fish to be caught. Other fish found in the Edward river are can be found in both rivers. As ever, the fabulous Murray Cod is With its connection to the Murray, many of the same fish species

upriver from Kyalite and finally re-entering the Murray at Wakool before reaching its confluence with the Wakool River just 4 km Deniliquin, and then flowing generally west, through Moulamein, generally north through river red gum forests before reaching off at a hairpin bend at Picnic Point east of Mathoura and flowing The calm Edward River is an anabranch of the Murray River, breaking

Edward River

this is epic fishing country. a popular spot for camping and fishing. Whether by boat or from dry land, Picnic point is a lovely spot to launch a tinny, nearby Swifts Creek is also

near Barham, and on high, level banks in the Gunbower Island State Camping is popular right along the river. Try the Koondrook State Forest

deep pools and snags and is especially well known for its stocks of The zig-zagging river upstream of Torrumbarry also features numerous

boat than the bank.

lots of handy snags, catching and landing fish is generally easier from a river. From Echuca Moama up to Barmah, boat fishing is common. With Valley Regional Park outside Moama has numerous campgrounds by the which are popular spots to start. Benarca campgrounds in the Murray Around Echuca Moama there are plenty of deep-water gutters and pools

oriental weatherloach, mosquitofish, freshwater shrimps, yabbies and gudgeon, Australian smelt, southern pygmy perch, Murray hardyhead, freshwater catfish, bony bream, blackfish, redfin, goldfish, flat-headed permitted to be caught, the river is home to trout cod, silver perch, (yellowbelly), there are lots of species to be found. While not all are While most anglers are hoping for a Murray cod or golden perch

the great fishing rivers found anywhere. incredible journey from the High Country to the sea, the Murray is one of Australia's longest river, and the lifeblood of communities all along its

and anyone looking to cast a line. playgrounds that attract kayakers, birdwatchers, boating enthusiasts providing today, native flora and fauna, irrigation water, and aquatic for millennia have provided for local inhabitants. And they're still In the past, these rivers were the focus of pioneering industry, and We're lucky. We have five glorious rivers flowing through our region.

# Rivers of River Country





# **Niemur River**

The Niemur River flows south from the Edward River in the Werai State Forest near Moonahcullah, about 50 minutes' drive northwest of Deniliquin and 25km from Wakool. It then flows generally northwest – parallel to the Edward River to the north and the Wakool River to the south – for its 155km length before finally meeting up with the Wakool River near Glenbar, north of Swan Hill.

The Niemur River is home to Murray cod, golden perch, bony bream, and a variety of other native species. There's usually good fishing along the course of the river.

# Murrumbidgee River

A major tributary of the Murray River, the Murrumbidgee River - at 1485km – is the second-longest river in Australia. It flows from its source in the Snowy Mountains up through the ACT, the west and north through Wagga Wagga, Narradera. It flows alongside the Sturt Highway before flowing southwest through the Murrumbidgee Valley National Park and Balranald before its confluence with the Murray River between Boundary Bend and Narung.

It's in this final stretch that this amazing, wide river flows through River Country, in our very north near Balranald and Yanga National Park. Popular with anglers hoping to catch Murray cod, golden perch and trout, this stretch is also a prime spot for kayaking, canoeing, birdwatching and swimming.

# Where to fish:

There are lots of lovely spots to fish along the Murrumbidgee in River Country. Launch your tinny at Yanga National Park or set up camp on the bank and settle in for the day. Don't miss lovely Regatta Beach on Yanga Lake. Fish from the shore or from a boat to find deeper water. Camp at Mamanga, a free campground that welcomes tents, trailers, caravans and motor homes



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## **Fish of River Country**

## **Native species**



## **Murray Cod**

Size and bag limits apply. Open season: December to August

The prize catch in all of our rivers, Murray cod love deep water in slow-flowing rivers. While fishing from boats can get you close to the snags the cod love, riverside anglers can have a whole lot of luck too; the Murray cod love submerged rocks, undercut banks, logs and overhanging trees.

Murray cod are regarded as a catch-and-release fish.

To catch a Murray cod, there are many types of baits and lures that work. You could try trolling large lures, or use baits such as yabbies, bardi grubs, worms and shrimp.



### **Golden Perch**

Size and bag limits apply. Open season: All year.

Golden perch (also widely known as yellowbelly or 'yellas') are the most common prize fish easily found in all of our rivers. Like the Murray cod, they love warm,

slow, turbid water, and can also be found in reedy and very shallow water.

Fish for yellowbelly with bright lures up to 10cm in length. While lures work great, golden perch can also strike at bait such as yabbies, worms and shrimp.



### Yabby

Bag limits apply. Open season: All year.

Freshwater yabbies can survive low water levels and even drought conditions for several years, burrowing in deep burrows. When water levels rise in River Country creeks and floodplains, the yabbies come out in large numbers. Nice to eat, yabbies are also a prize bait for bigger natural fish in the region.

# **Introduced species**



### Redfir

First thing's first: as an introduced species, any Redfin (English perch) caught must NOT be returned to the water. They can be caught at any depth and are found generously throughout our rivers. Redfin are easily caught from the riverbank, or from a drifting boat. Like many other species, shrimp and yabbies are successful baits.



### **European Carp**

Carp is a major aquatic pest species. If caught, you must not return them to the river. Sadly, carp thrive right across our waterways, as they can survive wide temperature ranges, low oxygen environments and dirty water. As a bottom feeder, European carp are terrible to eat.

# **Protected species**

The following fish species are protected. If caught, they must immediately be returned to the water, all year round. Penalties apply in order to protect these important native species.

- Silver perch
- Catfish
- Trout cod Murray cray fish
- The Murray spiny freshwater crayfish can be caught in the Murray River and its tributaries from Albury to Tocumwal, but not in River Country.

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